District Trust



1979 Annual Report



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Clockwise starting at lower left: B.I. Baldwin, J.A. McNee, Dick Corner, W.J. Arnos, G.A. Mackay, Q.C., N.G. Burdick, R.C. Allen, R.R. Bobbie, J.H. Stringham, J.B. Nash and R.J. Hare. Absent: F.P. Schneider

Left to right: Thomas J. Leathong John F. Visser, R.C. Allen, Ronald R. Bobbie and Peter L. Eudoxie

OFFICERS

Chairman of the Board	Norman G. Burdick
President and General Manager	Robert C. Allen
Vice-President and Assistant General Manager	Ronald R. Bobbie, C.A.
Vice-President, Branches	John F. Visser
Vice-President, Mortgages	Thomas J. Leathong
Treasurer	Peter L. Eudoxie
Secretary	Gordon A. Mackay, Q.C.
Assistant Secretary	Jean N. Maybrey

DIRECTORS

Robert C. Allen, President and General Manager, District Trust Company London, Ontario

William J. Amos, President, William J. Amos Insurance Agency Limited Parkhill, Ontario

Bentley I. Baldwin, Honorary Chairman of the Board, District Trust Company London, Ontario

Ronald R. Bobbie, C.A., Vice-President and Assistant General Manager, District Trust Company London, Ontario

Norman G. Burdick, Vice-President and General Manager, Kingsmill's Limited London, Ontario

Dick Corner, Chairman of the Board, Canpac Agriproducts Limited Elmira, Ontario

Robert J. Hare, Solicitor Kitchener, Ontario

Gordon A. Mackay, Q.C., Senior Partner, Mackay, Kirvan, Guy Kitchener, Ontario

John A. McNee, President, Adam-McNee Limited London, Ontario

John B. Nash, President, John A. Nash & Son, Limited London, Ontario

Frederick P. Schneider, Chairman of the Board, Schneider Corporation Kitchener, Ontario

James H. Stringham, Senior Executive Vice-President, Ralston Purina of Canada Limited Brampton, Ontario

HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

	1979	1978	Percentage Change
OPERATING RESULTS			
Total revenue	\$ 20,407,395	\$ 17,070,341	+ 20%
Interest paid on deposits	15,719,422	12,210,249	+ 29%
Other operating expenses	3,997,009	4,004,966	+0%
Income before taxes and			
extraordinary item	1,536,114	1,048,033	+ 47%
Net income before extraordinary item	1,281,457	1,029,881	+ 24%
Net income including extraordinary item	\$ 1,435,012	\$ 2,442,938	-41%
PER SHARE		* *	-
Net income before extraordinary item	49¢	39¢	+ 24%
Net income including extraordinary item	55¢	94¢	-41%
Dividends paid - regular	30¢	30¢	
-special	25 ¢		
BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY			
Mortgages and other loans	\$176,920,955	\$137,398,063	+ 29%
Total assets	215,595,867	173,261,335	+ 24%
Savings and chequing account deposits	27,318,730	16,374,060	+67%
Total deposits	\$191,719,884	\$148,948,925	+ 29%

REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Company's achievements during the 1979 fiscal year are impressive, especially when viewed against a backdrop of unprecedented instability in our economy.

Total assets surpassed \$215 million, an increase of 24%. Taking into account those assets held in a fiduciary capacity, the Company now has assets under administration broaching one-quarter of a billion dollars. Expanding on the components of our asset base, the mortgage portfolio grew by a very gratifying 27% to over \$172 million. Personal loans and Loans on Securities combined show a 200% increase to \$4.4 million, reflecting our intent to diversify the loans portfolio.

Deposits from the public are an integral part of operations and we are pleased with the increase over 1978 of nearly \$43 million or 29%. Worthy of special comment are Demand or Savings Deposits which are now in excess of \$27 million, an increase of 67%. These comprise over 14% of total deposits. Our Guaranteed Retirement Savings Deposits recorded a 50% growth to over \$40 million.

Income before taxes and extraordinary items rose by 47% to \$1,536,114. More detailed comparisons appear elsewhere in this Annual Report.

In September 1979 four District Trust directors, Messrs. R. C. Allen, B. I. Baldwin, N. G. Burdick and J. A. McNee, made a purchase offer of \$9 cash per share to all shareholders. As was explained in the offering circular, the purpose of the offer was to broaden the shareholder base of the Company by dividing large tendered lots of shares into substantially smaller blocks by accepting subscriptions from friends and associates. This goal was accomplished. We were pleased that the large majority of shareholders elected to retain their shares, and we welcome the many new shareholders who invested in District Trust during this period.

In June of 1979 we were saddened by the sudden death of William E. Vance, Manager, Personal Loans Division. Mr. Vance was a valued member of the District Trust Management Group, and we will certainly miss his contribution to the affairs of the Company.

At our annual Shareholders' Meeting in April 1979, Messrs. Ronald R. Bobbie and Dick Corner were elected to the Board of Directors; Messrs. Harvey M. Romoff and Robert A. Schultz did not stand for reelection. In December 1979, Mr. Terry C. Uptigrove resigned from the Board due to conflicting business commitments. We welcome our new Directors, and we express again our gratitude to our retiring Directors for their efforts on behalf of District Trust over the years.

It is unfortunate that our operations must be conducted in an atmosphere of political and economic instability. Interest rates have reached extraordinary levels; the anticipated downturn in rates is not yet at hand, and current indications are that the decline will only be moderate. Nonetheless, our continued emphasis on diversification and matching of borrowing and lending terms will enable District Trust to prosper.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish to express our appreciation to all employees for their loyal and conscientious service to the Company during the past year.

My Burdick

R. C. Allen

N. G. Burdick
Chairman of the Board

President and General Manager



SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

District Trust offers a full range of services through our 12 Ontario locations. Some of these services are unique to District, and all reflect a dedication to provide our customers with "the best" combination of interest rates and terms available. Here are a few of the services offered at our branches. (Savings accounts are not yet available at Kitchener and Brantford.)



MORTGAGES

Mortgage loans have always been District Trust's largest investment. We offer very competitive interest rates and prompt service on all types of mortgages, including wrap-around loans. Construction loans, conventional residential and commercial loans, interim financing, NHA and CMHC loans, and insured "high ratio" loans are available. Various repayment plans can be arranged, including open privileges and one through five year terms.

DAILY INTEREST

Our innovative Super Savings account pays and compounds interest daily at premium rates; each day's interest begins to earn interest the next day! (Our slogan describes it as "more interest, more often".) A minimum balance of \$1,000 is required. After the account has been open for 30 days, deposits and withdrawals may be made at any date; interest is calculated on the account balance each day. Super Savings is ideal for small businesses and individuals with active account balances who want to earn the maximum amount of interest on their savings.



55 PLUS

This is an all-in-one account for people 55 years of age or older. It offers savings interest at a premium rate **plus** free chequing **plus** half-price safety deposit box rental **plus** reduced commissions on traveller's cheque purchases **plus** an initial supply of personalized cheques free — all together in one account.

GUARANTEED RSP

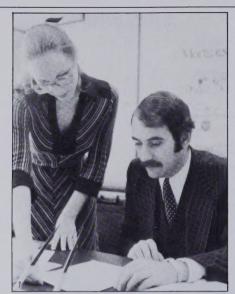
The Guaranteed Fund of the District Trust Registered Retirement Savings Plan offers a unique combination of guaranteed interest and liquidity. Interest from the date of deposit is guaranteed for five years. There are no fees, except for a small redemption charge upon withdrawal. Only 101 days notice of withdrawal or transfer is required, with no interest rate penalty.



PERSONAL LOANS

We can provide a personal loan for any good reason—a car, travel, investment—at competitive rates.
Floating rate collateral loans secured by stocks, bonds, or other investments are also available.



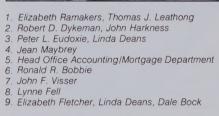






















AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT OCTOBER 31, 1979

1979	1978
\$172,487,556	\$135,924,452
2,158,188	751,818
2,275,211	721,793
176,920,955	137,398,063
8,088,395	6,955,206
15,731,338	12,727,525
37,876	76,585
13,647,632	14,168,899
	924,872
325,588	262,307
733,256	747,878
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\$215 505 867	\$173,261,335
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LIABILITIES	1979	1978
Deposits and borrowings		
Demand deposits	\$ 27,318,730	\$ 16,374,060
Short term certificates	10,002,393	2,444,492
Guaranteed retirement savings plan deposits	40,181,375	26,739,839
Guaranteed investment certificates	114,217,386	103,390,534
	191,719,884	148,948,925
Other liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	717,855	751,481
Mortgages payable	6,205,839	6,925,411
	6,923,694	7,676,892
Deferred income taxes (note 5)	2,305,651	1,970,151
Interest of minority shareholders		
in subsidiary company	68,218	68,218
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Capital stock (note 6)	4,709,023	4,709,023
Retained earnings	5,819,722	5,768,745
Excess of appraised value of real property		
over depreciated cost	4,049,675	4,119,381
	14,578,420	14,597,149
	\$215,595,867	\$173,261,335

Approved by the Board

R. C. Allen, Director

R. R. Bobbie, Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1979

	1979	1978
Revenue		
Mortgages and other loans	\$16,350,692	\$13,364,277
Investment securities	2,323,306	1,598,974
Fees and commissions	392,421	300,297
Investment properties	1,284,488	1,779,245
Other .	56,488	27,548
	20,407,395	17,070,341
Expense		
Interest on deposits and borrowings	15,719,422	12,210,249
Salaries and staff benefits	1,535,499	1,472,721
Investment properties	871,676	1,146,685
Administrative	1,254,248	1,108,790
Premises	335,586	276,770
	19,716,431	16,215,215
	690,964	855,126
Gain on sale of securities and other assets.	940,150	418,897
Mortgage losses	(95,000)	(400,000)
Equity in income of International By-Products Limited		174,010
Income before income taxes and extraordinary item	1,536,114	1,048,033
Income taxes (note 5)		
Current (recoverable)	(80,843)	(121,048)
Deferred	335,500	139,200
	254,657	18,152
Income before extraordinary item	1,281,457	1,029,881
Gain on sale of income producing real estate, net of related income taxes of \$63,309	, ,	
(1978 - \$684,000)	153,555	1,413,057
NET INCOME	\$1,435,012	\$2,442,938
EARNINGS PER SHARE		
Income before extraordinary item	\$.49	\$.39
Net income	\$.55	\$.94

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1979

	1979	1978
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$5,768,745	\$1,782,781
Net income	1,435,012	2,442,938
Appraisal increment realized on sale of real estate	46,455	2,323,296
	7,250,212	6,549,015
Dividend distributed by means of shares of		
International By-Products Limited (note 7)	650,220	
Dividends	780,270	780,270
	1,430,490	780,270
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$5,819,722	\$5,768,745

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of District Trust Company

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of District Trust Company as at October 31, 1979 and the consolidated statements of income and retained earnings for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position of the company as at October 31, 1979 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

We further report that certain assets of the company do not qualify as investments under the provisions of The Loan and Trust Corporations Act (see note 9). Thorne Riddell . Co.

London, Canada December 11, 1979

Chartered Accountants

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1979

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of District Trust Company, District Development Corporation Limited, Allcross Enterprises Limited and Glenridge Shopping Centre.

(b) Loans and receivables

Mortgages are stated at cost, which includes amounts advanced, accrued interest, and other charges, less repayments. Mortgages, to the extent that they are uncollectible, have been written off. The amount of accumulated payments by mortgagors to District Trust Company in respect of property taxes, net of such taxes paid by the company, is included in "Accounts payable and accrued liabilities".

Other loans and receivables are stated at cost plus accrued interest less repayments.

(c) Securities

Bonds and stocks are stated at cost plus accrued income.

(d) Income producing real estate and land held for development Land, buildings and improvements held by the companies at December 1, 1975 are stated at appraised values established by accredited appraisers. The excess of these values over depreciated cost as recorded in the accounts at December 1, 1975 is included as part of shareholders' equity and, upon realization through dispositions, the appropriate portion is transferred to retained earnings net of related income taxes.

Land and buildings acquired subsequent to December 1, 1975 are stated at cost.

The companies follow the policy of capitalizing as land held for development such direct carrying costs as mortgage interest, financing costs, realty taxes and other costs less rental incomes which pertain to such properties.

Architectural design fees and other costs relating to proposed developments are deferred pending completion or abandonment of the project and are then capitalized or expensed. These costs are included in "Other" assets.

(e) Leasehold improvements and equipment
Leasehold improvements and equipment used in the
companies' operations are stated at cost less accumulated
depreciation.

(f) Depreciation

The companies record depreciation of the cost or appraised value of buildings on a forty year sinking fund basis over their estimated useful lives. Under this method, depreciation is charged in a series of annual instalments increasing at the rate of 5% compounded annually and will result in a

substantially higher depreciation charge in later years.

Improvements are being depreciated by the straight-line method over 10 years from December 1, 1975 or dates of acquisition, if later, on the basis of appraised values or cost.

Depreciation of equipment is being determined by the straight-line method using annual rates of 10% or 20% applied to historical cost. Leasehold improvements are being depreciated by the straight-line method over the term of the leases plus the first renewal option period.

(g) Investment in partnership

The company's one-half interest in the partnership, Edinburgh Shopping Centre, is carried at cost plus the company's share of income less drawings plus one-half of the increase in appraised values over depreciated cost of land and buildings as determined by the appraisals referred to in note 1(d).

(h) Other

Fees from estate, trust and agency accounts are recorded using the accrual basis of accounting. Securities and other property held by the trust department in a fiduciary or agency capacity are not included as assets in the consolidated balance sheet.

2. SECURITIES

	1979		19	78
	Book Value	Market	Book Value	Market
Bonds				
Government of Canada.	¢ 0.000 506	€ 0 646 400	\$ 1,499,549	¢ 1 /10 /11
Provinces of	\$ 2,900,020	\$ 2,040,100	Ф 1,499,549	Φ 1,412,411
Canada	653,700	473,530	653,700	525,557
Municipal	125,835	92,700	125,835	101,856
Other	595,416	388,575	601,579	516,523
	4,363,477	3,600,985	2,880,663	2,556,347
Stocks	11,367,861	10,777,942	9,846,862	10,772,172
	\$15,731.338	\$14,378,927	\$12,727,525	\$13,328,519

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1979

3. INCOME PRODUCING REAL ESTATE AND LAND HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

		1979		1978
	Cost or appraised value	Accumulated depreciation	Net	Net
Land Buildings and improve-	\$ 3,030,267		\$3,030,267	\$ 3,393,468
ments .	7,175,689 20,706		6,621,267 13,373	6,845,535 26,188
Equipment .	10,226,662		9,664,907	10,265,191
Land held for develop- ment	2 002 725		2 092 705	2 002 709
ment	3,982,725 \$14,209,387		3,982,725 \$13,647,632	3,903,708 \$14,168,899

4. INVESTMENT IN PARTNERSHIP AND OTHER COMPANIES

	1979	1978
Edinburgh Shopping Centre		
Partnership interest 50%	\$ 70,455	\$ 78,064
Appraisal increment	40,372	40,372
	110,827	118,436
International By-Products Limited		579,458
International By-Products B.V.		
Promissory note		226,964
Heathshore Realty Limited		14
	\$110,827	\$924,872

5. INCOME TAXES

The company's income from the sale of securities and income producing real estate is taxed at reduced rates. Dividend income is tax exempt. Accordingly, income taxes as provided in the consolidated statement of income are less than the amount obtained by applying statutory tax rates to income before income taxes.

Certain items of income and expense are recognized in time periods different for financial reporting than for income tax purposes. Full provision for income taxes is made using the tax allocation method and income taxes related to the following items are recorded as deferred income taxes on the consolidated balance sheet.

Deferred income taxes applicable to:

	1979	1978
Special mortgage and bond reserve allowed under the Income Tax Act	\$1,005,000	\$ 779,000
Mortgage reserve on gain from sale of income producing real estate	574,000	596,000
Excess of capital cost allowance over depreciation provided in the accounts	584,000	463,000
Other items	142,651	132,151
	\$2,305,651	\$1,970,151

6. CAPITAL STOCK

Authorized

1,300,000 Preference shares with a par value of \$10 per share issuable in series

6,500,000 Class A and Class B interconvertible common shares without par value

	1979	1978
Issued		
Class A common shares	1,150,730	428,553
Class B common shares	1,450,156	2,172,333
	2,600,886	2,600,886

7. INTERNATIONAL BY-PRODUCTS LIMITED

On December 29, 1978 the company paid a special dividend of \$650,220 in the form of shares of International By-Products Limited on the basis of one share of International By-Products Limited for every five shares held of District Trust Company. The effect of the dividend was to fully distribute the shares of International By-Products Limited to the shareholders of District Trust Company

8. GUARANTEED TRUST ACCOUNT

Assets held for guaranteed deposits consist of:

	1979	1978
Cash and term deposits	\$ 7,915,181	\$ 6,843,394
Securities	13,186,720	10,136,268
Mortgages	166,767,242	130,331,266
Other loans and receivables	3,850,741	1,637,997
	\$191,719,884	\$148,948,925

9. OTHER INFORMATION

- (a) As a result of the 1975 amalgamation of District Trust Company and Shore to Shore Corporation Limited certain assets of the company do not meet the investment provisions of The Loan and Trust Corporations Act.
- (b) The aggregate direct remuneration paid or payable to directors and officers as defined by The Loan and Trust Corporations Act was \$203.500 (1978, \$237,725)
- (c) Included in expenses is depreciation amounting to \$221,878 (1978, \$244,197).



TOTA DAILY INC.



SAVINGS ACCOUNT DEPOSITS

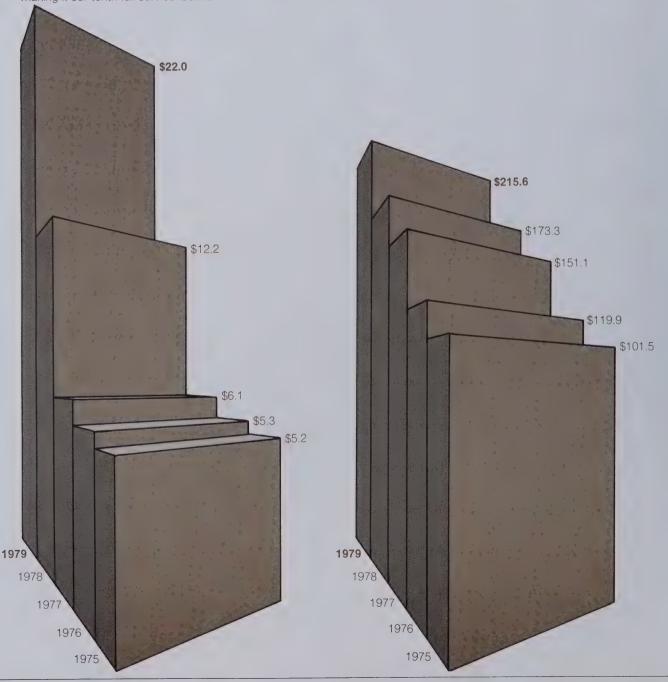
(in \$ millions)

In November, 1977 we introduced our unique Super Savings daily interest account and our 55 Plus chequeable savings account. Since then, savings deposits have increased 360% to \$22 million. These deposits provide an excellent source of funds for personal loans, interim mortgages, and securities investments. We recently began to offer savings and chequing account services at our Toronto branch, making it our tenth full-service location.

TOTAL ASSETS

(in \$ millions)

Total assets of \$215.6 million at October 31, 1979 were composed of mortgages, 80% (78% in 1978); personal loans, 2% (1% in 1978); cash and securities, 11% (11% in 1978); real estate, 6% (8% in 1978); and other assets, 1% (2% in 1978). Asset growth has averaged a compound rate of 20% for the past six years, resulting in a threefold increase in assets compared to 1974.



MORTGAGES

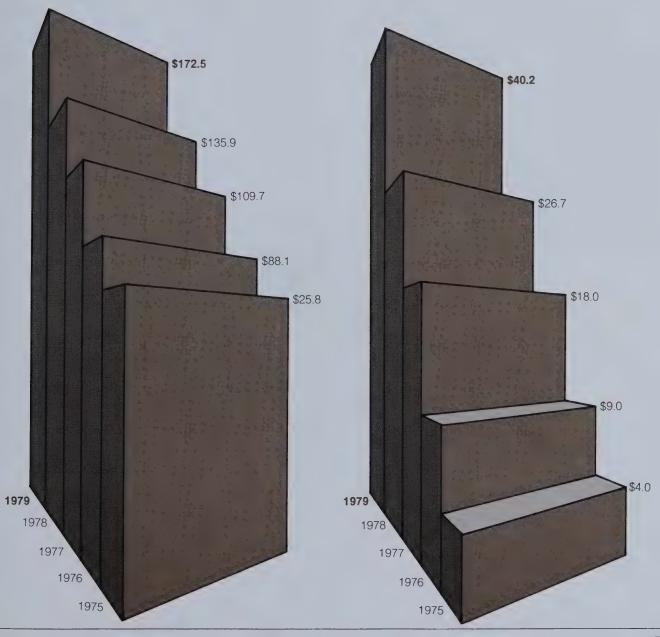
(in \$ millions)

Mortgage loans provide District Trust with a profitable offset for our fixed term Guaranteed Investment Certificates and Retirement Savings Plan deposits. The careful matching of borrowing and lending maturities, coupled with steady portfolio growth, provides a stable profit core even during periods of rapid interest rate escalation such as these.

GUARANTEED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN DEPOSITS

(in \$ millions)

The Guaranteed Fund of our Registered Retirement Savings Plan grew by 51% in 1979. Total deposits to the Fund have increased tenfold since 1975. This reflects the enthusiastic customer acceptance of the Guaranteed Fund's unique combination of guaranteed rate and liquidity. The Guaranteed RSP is also offered to groups, and, coupled with our Deferred Profit Sharing Plan, can be a pension plan alternative for smaller companies.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The value of our diversified asset holdings and conservative approach to intermediary activities is reflected in the Consolidated Statement of Income; "Income before extraordinary item" (sale of real estate assets) increased by 24% vs 1978, to \$1,281,457, despite unprecedented increases in the cost of money. In fact, if District's equity in the net income of International By-Products Limited for 1978 is excluded from the comparison, then the income before extraordinary item in 1979 is fully 50% higher than in 1978.



Net interest and dividend income increased by approximately 7%, despite asset growth of 24%. This reflects the usual ''squeeze'' on profit margins that results during periods of increasing interest rates and declining loan demand. Total non-interest operating expenses actually decreased slightly in 1979 vs 1978; this was due to reduced investment property expenses as a result of 1978 real estate sales, and to cost control efforts.

Our stock and bond investments are made to produce both dividend revenue and capital gains. Gains on sales of securities increased 124% vs 1978, to \$940,150. During 1979 the securities portfolio was increased by \$3 million, and at October 31, 1979 its composition was stocks, 72%, and bonds, 28%. Further investments are planned. Stock dividends, particularly from preferred shares, provide an attractive after-tax yield; stocks are therefore a suitable investment vehicle for some of our demand deposit borrowings.

Mortgage losses of \$95,000 were sustained in 1979. These write-offs recognized all actual and anticipated losses as at the year end. Loan arrears situations were actually reduced in number during 1979, against the industry trend, reflecting the overall quality of our mortgage loan portfolio.

As described in Note 7 to the financial statements, International By-Products Limited, a former subsidiary company, was distributed to District Trust shareholders in December 1978 by means of a stock dividend. As a result, the income of International now accrues directly to District Trust shareholders via their ownership of International shares, and no income is shown on the consolidated District Trust statements for 1979.

Our wholly owned subsidiary, District Development Corporation Limited, sold three properties in 1979. The net profit accrued since December 1975 is shown as an extraordinary item of \$153,555 on the Statement of Income. The remaining \$46,455 profit is shown as a transfer from "Excess of appraised value of real property over depreciated cost" to "Retained earnings".

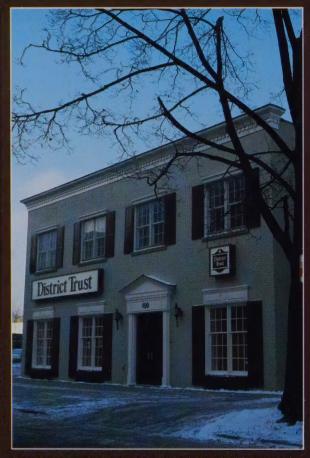
Earnings per share were 55¢ in 1979 vs 94¢ in 1978, due to the very sizeable gains on the sale of real estate in 1978.



SERVICES

Mortgage Loans

Head Office 383 Richmond Street Suite 1414		Personal Loans Guaranteed Investment Certificates
London, Ontario	434-6013	Chequing Accounts Savings Accounts
LONDON (2 Locations) 150 Fullarton Street Covent Market Building	672-0610 434-6024	Super Savings Accounts 55 Plus Accounts Registered Retirement Savings Plans Deferred Profit Sharing Plans
STRATHROY 26 Front Street	245-1090	Registered Home Ownership Savings Plans Property Management Trustee-Corporate and Personal
GUELPH Wellington and Gordon Streets	821-2160	Estate Planning Prepaid Deposit by Mail Safety Deposit Boxes and Safekeeping
ELMIRA 24 Arthur Street S.	669-5186	Executor and Administrator Services
KITCHENER 259 King Street W.	579-4020	
TORONTO 20 Duncan Street (977-9770 after	868-6550 March 15, 1980)	
BRANTFORD 233 Colborne Street	753-4105	Auditors Thorne Riddell & Co.
PORT COLBORNE 43 Clarence Street	835-2555	Bankers Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
PORT ELGIN 620 Goderich Street	832-9015	Transfer Agent and Registrar The Canada Trustco Mortgage Company 110 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario
WALKERTON 301 Durham Street E.	881-3700	Solicitors Mackay, Kirvan, Guy, Barristers and Solicitors
OWEN SOUND 854 2nd Avenue E.	376-0600	Shares listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange



Front Cover: Evening hours at our Fullarton Street, London branch. Back Cover: Fullarton Street, daytime